what is the total installed capacity to. produce polyester, nylon and acrylic yarn / fcd how much cloth will be produced out of this capacity and what is the effective Induction; and (c) whether it is a fact that synthetiq fabrics last five times in comparison' to cotton fabrics jand if so, whether Government' propose to Encourage production of synthetic fabrics on a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM KflWAs MIRDHA): (a) to (c) re-formation i_s being collected and will be , laid on the Table Off tire House.

Ban on extraction ot wood

773. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND' FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Government have recently taken s decision to .stop forest operations including extraction of wood;

(b) if so, what impact it will have on flie State exchequer,and on the people who depend on forests for fuel; and

(c) what alternative steps are proposed to be taken by Government in .this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ANDI FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the, Central Board Of Forestry in its XXII Meeting field in December, 1987 uflaMiriousiy adopted the following resolution:— 1. For .the conservation of forests, the extraction of wood from, forests be stopped; .

_ reduction in state revenues as;, a result will be compensated the quantum of compensation to be determined by the Finance Commission;

. 3. The requirement of wood fpr the country will be satisfied by import and farm forestry.

Growth rate of LIC

774. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the, Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State;

'} (a) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation has registered a substantial growth' rate; and

'V (b) if so, what arc the zone-wise details with break-up as bn February 29, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. LIC has registered a sub-stantial growth rate, in its new business (sum assured) and premium income. The zonewise detailed break-up as on 29-24988 is given below:—

Zone	New Individual Assurance	New Group Insurance	Premium income
	%	%	%
Northern	43	22	33
Central	38	41	27
Eastern	40	22	24
Southern	33	59	23
Western	38	28	41
ALL INDIA	37	34	30